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**Applicant:** HUTCHENS, ET AL.

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Dear Sir:

Applicant herewith submits the following documents in connection with the above-referenced application:

- Notice of Appeal from the Primary Examiner;
- A copy of the Request for Extension of Time transmitted via facsimile to the attention of Examiner Alexander on July 6, 2000; and
- Return Postcard.

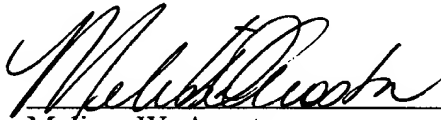
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Applicants believe that there is a \$300.00 fee required for the filing of the Notice of Appeal. If Applicant is incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees and/or credits by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to the standing account of Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P., Account No. 06-2375, upon which the undersigned is authorized to draw under Order No. 09306611.

Respectfully submitted,



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Date: July 7, 2000

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